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The OVH ARC Newsletter



"OLE VIRGINIA HAMS" AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.
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WA4FPM -- 224.66

JANUARY 1993 ISSUE

Secretary's Notes

Minutes of the December Meeting:

Called to Order at 8:10 p.m. There were 32 members and 4 visitors present.

Mike (WV3H), Packet Committee Chairman, explained that the intermittent shutdown of the newly installed OVH node appears to be a hardware-related problem. He said that it runs out of buffers. Jimmy (WA2QEJ) suggested changing the buffers allocation in the computer's CONFIG.SYS file to increase them, and if there is not enough memory, to consider adding more RAM. Mike said another possible cause relates to the node receiving strange characters, possible binary transfer data from the 220 MHz traffic flowing from the FDK node. He also noted that an AMTOR-originated packet message has been wreaking havoc on the BBSHRG board. The 220 MHz side has been taken down temporarily to minimize further occurrences of these problems. Other news regarding Packet:

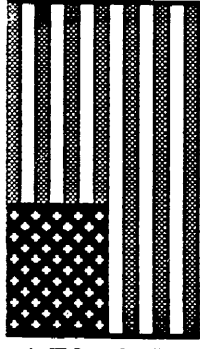
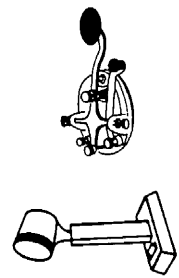
1. The node has been hearing a Brookfield, Connecticut node, but direct connects are not possible;
2. N4WJN's BBS can handle a max load of 3 users connecting simultaneously at any given time;
3. The 220 MHz antenna was mismatched and was returned.

Tim (KB4NR), Technical and Finance Committee Chairman, reported that the voice repeater is in good shape. He presented the 1993 budget for approval by the Membership. A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the 1993 Budget.

John (KI4RO) submitted a proposal to have Bill (N4WJN) and Mike (WV3H) jointly represent OVH Club interests as OVH-sponsored members of the Digital Mid-Atlantic Radio Council (DMARC). A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the above-referenced proposal.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Butch (N6SN)
Secretary



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Hamfesters

The next Hamfest meeting will be held on January 25, 1993. Details to be announced later!

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Emergency Information

. Harry (W4PVA)

On December 27, an OVH member had an experience with an ice storm accident and an ensuing problem with the 911 service.

It seems that the ham was so preoccupied with his situation that he simply picked up the mike and called 911. The machine worked perfectly, but there was apparently a problem with the 911 operator (because the call came from out of the county, but the caller ID showed it WAS in the county). Anyway, the 911 operator hung up on the ham.

To help prevent this type of situation from occurring, you should FIRST OFF tell the 911 operator that you are operating from a mobile radio set out of the county and NEED A RELAY TO THE APPROPRIATE RESCUE SERVICE. This should preclude any misunderstanding.

Looking at it from the 911 emergency operator's point of view -- if the caller ID and the call do not match, the operator could take it that the call was due to radio skip conditions.

If you are in the county, simply tell the 911 operator that you are on the air and calling through a repeater THUS THERE IS NO CALL BACK NUMBER, but your home telephone number is _____ and you may be reached there when you get home.

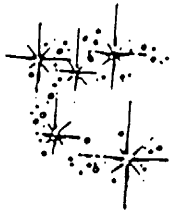
Also, when you make a 911 call, wait for the 911 emergency operator to ask questions -- the operator is filling in items in the computer-report form in sequence. The questions the operator will ask you are necessary!! So wait for the operator to ask the questions and answer each question with a short, concise answer! This makes their job easier and will get help there faster!

In any case, REMAIN CALM!!!
Talking fast or loudly will not help. In fact, it will make you only harder to understand and will delay help arriving at your location!

BEFORE QSL RECEIVED



AFTER QSL RECEIVED !!



F.Y.I.

Examination Fees:

The FCC announced on October 30 that, effective January 1, 1993, the maximum allowable reimbursement (testing) fee for an amateur license examination will be \$5.60. This amount is based on a 3.0% increase in the Department of Labor Consumer Price Index between September 1991 and September 1992. (AUTO-CALL, 1/93)

Fined Broadcast Stations Try to Get Out of Fines - Has Amateur Radio Connotations:

WXRK, New York City; WYSP, Philadelphia; and WJFK, Manassas, VA, all ran a segment of the Howard Stern show and were hit with \$2,000 fine notices. To get out of the fine, they ran a listener survey to prove that children were not present during that show. The FCC said they found this unacceptable "because of the possibility of random turning by children and the survey only showed on a market wide basis, rather than a station specific basis". The FC said this did not eliminate the risk from children hearing a daytime indecent broadcast. To the FCC, communications services are interlinked in most of their actions. This is not the key lever that is being sued to eliminate problem areas of profanity, indecency, obscenity on Amateur Radio bands. ARRL surveys show that your Amateurs monitor all bands at different times but with

the prime emphasis on daytime operations. (TSRAC A.R. News Bulletin, 12/92)

Man (Woman) Bites Dog Story!!!

Follows a story with a different twist. A woman neighbor was fined \$100, placed on two years probation and ordered to pay restitution to her Ham neighbor! And as Paul Harvey comments, "And here's the rst of the story!" Linda Ann Van Aulen, 47 years old of Lancaster, PA, went over and cut two coax cables that were connected to her Ham neighbor's equipment which caused damage to his transmitter of \$1,971.49. She now has to pay for those damages. In addition she was fined \$100, placed on two years probation to behave herself or go to jail. The TSRAC ARNB recommends that this case be fully publicized since the FCC was NOT involved. All Amateurs have to do is get their area municipal authorities involved in the case. Civil courts can handle all this and the FCC is not even a party or involved. This is a personal property damage suit!! (TSRAC A.R. News Bulletin, 12/92)



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CQ TEN METERS

With the eventual decline in propagation of the ten meter band, there are still some strategies available to squeeze as many contacts out as possible. Different rules apply to each of the Stateside and DX contacts as discussed below.

Starting in the Fall, signals from the mid-west region will begin to come through at about the middle of the day. As Winter approaches, the propagation will be shifting more towards the west so California and then Alaska stations will be coming in. By around sunset these signals will start to fade out. In January, the band shifts back eastward again. When Spring starts, conditions will permit stations east of the Mississippi to come through with band openings into the evening becoming more frequent. Short skips to adjacent states will occur starting in May, and then near the end of May to the middle of June the band will have openings into the Northeastern states. Throughout the Summer, conditions will permit continued short skip with a growing decline in the number of nighttime band openings.

As for working DX, generally the morning is for Europe and Africa, afternoon is for the Pacific, and South America and the Carribean are during the daylight hours. The highest signals will be on the Gray line between you and the other station (sunrise/sunset lines). The following chart outlines the best times for working a region.

	<u>GMT</u>	<u>EST</u>
Alaska	20:00-22:00	3:00PM- 5:00PM
Hawaii	18:00-22:00	1:00PM- 5:00PM
S. America	13:00-22:00	8:00AM- 5:00PM
S. Pacific	22:00-01:00	5:00PM- 8:00PM
S. Africa	13:00-18:00	8:00AM- 1:00PM
E. Europe	13:30-14:00	8:30AM- 9:30AM
W. Europe	13:00-17:00	8:00AM-12:00PM
West Coast	18:00-22:00	1:00PM- 5:00PM
Japan	22:30-23:30	5:30PM- 6:30PM
Australia	21:00-23:00	4:00PM- 6:00PM

Every month the time of respective regional band openings will change. The values used above were interpolated from the December issue of QST. Also note that from Spring to Fall, DX openings across the Atlantic are nill, while those in the Pacific at best will be weak. Peak signals occur in December through February.

So get out there and make those QSO's!!!
Craig (N4WUV)



OVH HAPPENINGS

January 18 - February 21, 1993



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Jan 18 2030 M-EETING TONIGHT <i>Martin Luther King, Jr.</i>	Jan 19	Jan 20 BARC MINIFEST TIMONI-UM, MD	Jan 21 2000 OVH NET 146. 970 MHZ	Jan 22	Jan 23 SKYWARN NET CONTROL TRAINING WSFO STERLING, VA	Jan 24
ARRL JANUARY VHF SWEEPSTAKES						
Jan 25 DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES ARRL JA...	Jan 26	Jan 27	Jan 28 2000 OVH NET 146. 970 MHZ WIAW QU-ALIFYING RUN 0000Z	Jan 29 VEC STAFFO-RD, VA	Jan 30	Jan 31 VEC HAGERSTOWN, MD ARRL NOVICE ROUNDUP
Feb 1 DEADLINE FOR CALENAR ENTRIES	Feb 2 <i>Groundhog Day</i>	Feb 3	Feb 4 2000 OVH NET 146. 970 MHZ	Feb 5	Feb 6 VEC HAMPTON, VA ARRL HAMFEST LANCASTER, PA	Feb 7 VEC LANDOVER, MD SOUTHERN FLORIDA SECTION CONV...
ARRL NOVICE ROUNDUP						
Feb 8 WIAW QU-ALIFYING RUN 0300Z	Feb 9	Feb 10	Feb 11 2000 OVH NET 146. 970 MHZ	Feb 12 <i>Lincoln's Birthday</i>	Feb 13 0900 OVH BREAKFAST VEC ALEXANDRIA, VA	Feb 14 <i>Valentine's Day</i>
SCHOOL CLUB ROUNDUP						
Feb 15 2030 M-EETING TONIGHT <i>President's Day</i>	Feb 16	Feb 17	Feb 18 2000 OVH NET 146. 970 MHZ	Feb 19 VEC LAUREL, MD	Feb 20	Feb 21 C-CARS HAMFEST MECHANICSBU- RG, PA ARRL INTERNATIONAL DX CONTEST...

From the Editor

The Ole Virginia Times deadline for articles to be contained in an issue is the 25th of the previous month.

Articles can be typed or handwritten. They can be sent via the mail to the address listed below, or sent to the Club Post Office Box. If you have questions, please contact me at 703-361-0008!

Bonnie Frick
246 Kent Drive
Manassas Park, VA 22111

THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Ole Virginia Hams Amateur Radio Club will be on Monday Evening, January 18, 1993, at 8:00 p.m., in the basement Meeting Room of the Northern Virginia Co-Op, 10323 Lomond Drive, Manassas, Virginia.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!

The Deadline For Articles to Appear in the February 1993 Issue is the 25th of January.

RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR THE OLE VIRGINIA HAMS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
1993

DATE: _____

NAME: _____

CALL SIGN: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

ARE YOU PRESENTLY AN ARRL MEMBER: _____

DO YOU WANT YOUR TELEPHONE NUMBER LISTED IN THE OVH ROSTER: _____

YOUR PRESENT LICENSE CLASS: _____

Dues are \$6.00 (for each additional family member, living at the same mailing address, the dues are \$3.00)

AMOUNT YOU ARE SENDING: _____

NAMES OF ADDITIONAL FAMILY MEMBERS (IF ANY): _____

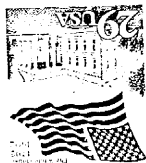
Please fill in all of the above-requested information (please PRINT) and return to the attention of the Treasurer, OVH, P.O. Box 1255, Manassas, VA 22110



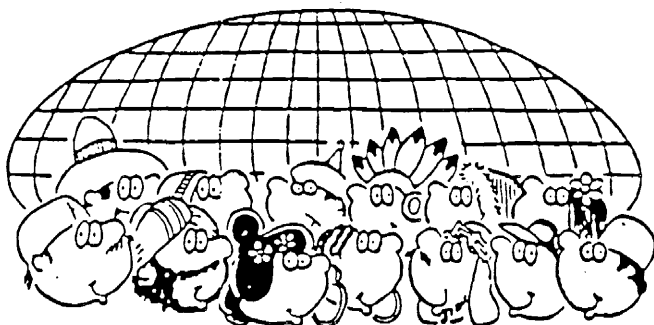
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